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Dear Sir:

Some time ago the Central Intelligence Agency reproduced for U.S. Government use the 16-sheet hypsometric Map of the USSR (Karta USSR) published in 1958 by the Main Administration of Geodesy and Cartography (Glavnoye Upravleniye Geodezii i Kartografii). This letter is to advise you that a few extra sets of these sheets are available for gratis distribution to academic institutions and specialists in Soviet studies.

The <u>Map of the USSR</u> is the most accurate Soviet map series published at a uniform scale for the entire USSR. It incorporates the results of comprehensive-post World War II surveying. Unlike recent Soviet maps, which omit or distort the geographic graticule, it accurately depicts coordinate lines at 2-degree intervals. The focus is on physical features, but a great amount of detailed information is also given on the alinement of highways, railroads, and administrative boundaries as well as on the location of settlements. Most culture features are accurately represented, but the user will need to update some of this information from more recent sources. The sheets measure 25° high by 38° wide.

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Sincerely,

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